

FLASHPOINT

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING



Date: Tuesday, October 10th, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner/Program
Place: **Oliver Fire Protection & Security**
3620 Horizon Dr King of Prussia, PA 19406
Program: **“Myth Busters: Fire Sprinkler Products Edition”**
Presented by: Lainey Liotta
Cost: \$30.00 for the program and dinner
RSVP by October 6th 2023, Payment by check preferred, cash and PayPal also accepted

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Significant October Fires Throughout U.S. History:

Forest Fire - Peshtigo, WI (and surrounding areas) - October 8th, 1871

- The **deadliest** fire in US history. Over 1200 people perished.
- This rapidly moving fire consumed Peshtigo and over one million acres.

“Great Chicago Fire”, Chicago, IL - October 8th– 10th, 1871

- The fire left 300 dead, 100,000 homeless, and destroyed over 17000 buildings.
- On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America started Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, Fire Prevention Week became a national observance.

“Great Fires of 1947”, Maine - Started October 7th, 1947

- More than 200 fires in southern and coastal Maine burned 205,678 acres.
- Nine towns were leveled and more than 1,200 homes and seasonal cottages were destroyed.

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RSVP ONLINE AT: <https://forms.gle/4sHWwY3JbR2grDhc6>



President's Spark Ryan Schartel, CFPS

Last month we kicked off our 2023-24 season with a very interesting and engaging presentation on fires at sea presented by our 1st Vice President Tim Murray. This month we will be hearing a presentation from Lainey Liotta from Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Inc to speak on common misconceptions about CPVC fire sprinkler systems and antifreeze for fire sprinkler systems. This meeting will be held at Oliver's new Alarms and Security building, where we have not previously held a chapter meeting, so please note the change in address.

This month SFPE is holding the Annual Conference and Expo at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD from October 8-12th. The pre-conference activities will include the Chapter Leadership Forum where our chapter will once again have the honor of receiving the Gold Award for chapter excellence. This past year I had the opportunity to represent our chapter on the Program Committee for this conference, so I know a lot of effort was put into selecting the speakers, and hope those of you attending will find this experience professionally beneficial.

As we all know, October is Fire Prevention Month (actually we all know it's a year-round effort). This year NFPA is running with Fire Prevention Week from October 8-14th with the theme "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." Anyone interested in resources for this year's FPW can visit this site

<https://www.nfpa.org/Events/Events/Fire-Prevention-Week>.

Lastly I'd like to thank one of our newest members, John Dreher, for stepping up and taking on the open Scholarship Committee Chair position. This is an important step in moving forward to award scholarships next year to qualified applicants and promoting our profession.

Best Regards,
Ryan Schartel

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"The purpose of FLASHPOINT is to provide a forum for the transfer of information between members of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and to give the Chapter visibility."

Newsletter/Publicity Committee:

Joe Wooley

Information for publication can be submitted to:

dvsfpe@gmail.com

This Newsletter is published 9 or 10 times/year (September through June) and received as part of membership of the Chapter. Membership Dues are \$30.00 before November 1st and \$35.00 after, collected annually.

Visit our web site at:

www.sfpephiladelphia.org

Articles written are the views of the Author and not necessarily those of the Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter of SFPE. ❖



VIRTUAL EVENTS

Sign up online at: <https://www.sfpe.org/events-education/calendar>

Live Perspective Webinar: Fiber Optic Linear Heat Detection

WEBINAR SERIES

October 19, 11:00 - 12:00 (ET)



ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

Seminar: Introduction to Fire Risk Assessment

IN-PERSON SEMINAR

October 11-12

Seminar: Smoke Control Essentials

IN-PERSON SEMINAR

October 11-12

2023 NFSA Training

Understanding, Applying, & Enforcing NFPA 25 **IN-PERSON**

TUE DEC 12, 2023 8:30AM - 3:30PM Montgomery County Fire Academy

[REGISTER HERE: MCFA](#)

WED DEC 13, 2023 8:30AM - 3:30PM Fire University, Penns Grove, NJ

[REGISTER HERE: FIRE U](#)

THU DEC 14, 2023 8:30AM - 3:30PM Sprinkler Fitters Local 696, Millburn, NJ

[REGISTER HERE: 696](#)

2023/2024 SFPE PDVC MEMBERSHIP NEWS

To enhance our distribution list and make sure that we are using the most up-to-date information to reach out to all of our membership, we ask that you please submit a new membership form with every membership renewal. Membership forms can be submitted digitally to dvsfpe@gmail.com or mailed in with your annual dues. Annual dues are \$30 if paid before November 1st, after which the dues increase to \$35. They can be paid by mailing a check or by visiting our website at www.sfpephiladelphia.org and following the below instructions.

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SFPE Philadelphia Delaware-Valley Scholarship Committee Opening
We are currently looking for a new Scholarship Committee Chairperson. More information can be obtained by emailing Ryan Schartel at rschartel@gmail.com.

EVENT CALENDAR

UPCOMING PHILADELPHIA-DELAWARE VALLEY SFPE MEETINGS AND EVENTS:				
Date	Meeting Type	Event	Location	Time
10/8/2023-10/12/2023	Annual Conference	SFPE Annual Conference & Expo	Bethesda North Marriot	7:00 am
10/10/2023	Monthly Meeting	Myth Busters: Fire Sprinkler Products Addition	Oliver FPS Horizon Building	5:30 pm
11/14/2023	Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD
12/12/2023	Monthly Meeting	TBD	TBD	TBD



We're on the web:
www.sfp Philadelphia.org



Mission Statement

The Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter purpose is to advance the art and science of fire protection engineering and its allied fields, for the reduction of life and property losses from fire, to maintain high ethical standards on engineering among its members and to foster fire protection education.

Recognition of fire protection engineering as a discrete engineering discipline is a prime goal. Engineering disciplines exist because there is a special body of knowledge based on the fundamentals of mathematics, physics, chemistry, engineering science and economics.

The chapter strives to facilitate sharing of sound engineering experiences and knowledge between its members and the fire protection community in general with an active program of education and scholarship activities.

The SFPE Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter Board of Directors has decided that fire protection engineering related job announcements will be welcomed in the Flashpoint newsletters. Job Announcements will be \$50 per month for a 1/3 page advertisement. Submittal of artwork / text to be included in the advertisement is required. If you are interested, please reach out to the DVSFPE Secretary, Joe Wooley, at dvsfpe@gmail.com.

Officers for 2023-2024

The officers elected at the May 2023 business meeting are as follows:

President: Ryan Schartel

1st Vice President: Tim Murray

2nd Vice President: Frank Ellis

Secretary: Joe Wooley

Asst. Secretary: Phil Kerschner

Treasurer: Caleb Demree

Directors 2022-2024: Joseph Chew, Ilyya Trofymenko

Directors 2023-2025: Dan DeDominic, William Wheeler

